

REMARKS

Thank you for the allowance of claims 1-5 and the indication of allowability of claim 10.

Claims 6 and 7 stand rejected under Section 102(b) over Weber '651 and claims 8 and 9 stand rejected under Section 103 over Weber '651 and Kessler. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 6 requires the wiper to abut a rearwardly facing surface of the rolled over edge and the forwardly facing surface at the front edge of the cover. An illustrative mark-up of Fig. 5 from the application showing how the language of claim 6 applies to the preferred embodiment disclosed is attached. The prior art does not provide any teaching, suggestion or motivation to attach a wiper to a cover in this way. In Weber, the wiper is pinched by the bent edge of the cover so as to be clamped by the cover, and does not abut any rearwardly facing surfaces. None of the other prior art of record provides this missing teaching. Independent claim 7 is drawn to the rolled edge with the wiper snap fit to it and this feature is also lacking in the prior art.

Applicants request acknowledgement of receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 2, 2006.

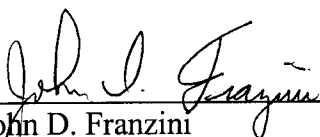
Allowance of claims 1-10 is respectfully requested. No fees are believed due for filing this response, however, please charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

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